

quick break of relations with Austria being solemnly discussed in high official quarters. It is realized that the whole program of legislation as to the army and navy is likely to be shaped in the shadow of the imminence of a declaration of war.

While it is hoped in Administration quarters and in Congressional circles that there will be no breach with Austria, it does not need a diagram to perceive that if there is a breaking of diplomatic relations there will be an irrevocable demand that Congress act speedily and decisively on the army and navy bills.

The inevitable effect would be to force Congress to push through large naval and army appropriations.

Just what the Administration would ask for is not disclosed. But regardless of how large appropriations it might ask, the temper of Congress, if relations are broken with Austria, will be decidedly more in favor of speedy action and of the giving of liberal allowances of funds than it would be otherwise.

Just as when the Lusitania trouble was at its height, there was a current deal said to the effect that diplomatic relations with Berlin might be broken, and nothing more came of it. So, too, now, it is said, diplomatic relations with Austria might be broken and the matter stop there.

But, on the other hand, there are many shrewd observers who are not so sure about a severance of diplomatic relations with Austria ending in like action. To sever relations with Austria will mean more irritation at Berlin. This may lead to more submarine outrages, and then war will loom up.

The movement for national defense preparations in Congress has not been getting on rapidly. Much confusion of opinion has been the result. It may be different, unless the embargo with Vienna about the Ancona case yields to treatment.

ACCUSED OF STEALING DATA FOR GERMANY

Bank Clerk Taken Into Custody Soon After Four Other Arrests.

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and that of Richard E. Levedecker, another of the alleged conspirators, at \$2,000. To obtain the charges against the commissioner said the charges against the men were "very serious," and he demanded large bonds.

First Charge of Kind.

Charged with attempting a hostile expedition against a nation friendly to the United States, the first charge of the kind made by Government authorities since they began their investigation of pro-German plots—Koenig and Levedecker were arrested a short time before Scheidegger's arrest.

They were arrested after three months of investigation, just as the Federal authorities believed they had completed plans to blow up the \$2,000,000 Vreeland canal. Koenig is chief of police of the Hamburg-American line, and Levedecker is a dealer in antiques in New York.

Fred Metzger, alias F. R. Reimer, a German courier, said to be Koenig's stenographer, also was arrested early today.

Important Wheat Artery.

The formal charge against the trio is that they conspired to conduct a military enterprise against the Dominion of Canada, by plotting the destruction of the canal, twenty-seven miles long, connecting Lake Ontario and Lake Erie. The canal, an important artery for wheat shipment in Canada, had an approximate annual tonnage of 1,300,000 before the war began, which has been greatly increased since.

Orders for the arrests were issued by William M. Otter, chief of the New York division of the Department of Justice, after George Fuchs, a young German, formerly employed by Koenig, had given the Government available information. Fuchs today had not been charged with complicity in the alleged plot.

Called Shrewd Agent.

Federal authorities asserted that in Koenig they have rounded up the shrewdest foreign secret service agent in the country since Captain von Tatten left. His planning, they said, was free of the bunglesome methods that marked the work of the agents arrested heretofore and so clearly exposed that for a time they despaired of obtaining evidence to warrant an arrest.

Waters seized, in consequence of the revelations, it was said, contained the names of 100 men in Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco, and St. Louis, some of whom are suspected of being German agents, and other arrests are expected.

Fuchs' revelations are said to have followed a quarrel over \$15 with Koenig. He already has told his story to the Federal grand jury, but indictments are not expected until other witnesses can be heard.

Epiphany Sunday Schools Will Hold Joint Service

The two Sunday schools of Epiphany Church, 64 street near Fourteenth, will join tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in an unusual service which will be led by the rector, the Rev. Randolph H. McKim.

Groups of scholars will move in procession to the church, each preceded by an appropriate banner, and there will recite one of the catechisms on the program. The surprised young choir, led by the singing of the Christmas carols. The service has been prepared by the Rev. Percy Foster Hall, assistant rector, who will assist the Rev. McKim.

Three Fatalities Due To Infected Sausage

Two cases of trichinosis, with three fatalities, have been reported to the United States Public Health Service from Portland, Oregon, during the past week, according to published statistics given out today. The victims of the malady, which is caused by eating infected sausage, had eaten samples of which are said to have shown large numbers of encysted larvae.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia—Partly cloudy and much colder tonight; Sunday fair; lowest temperature tonight about 28; strong west to northwest winds.

Maryland—Partly cloudy and much colder tonight; Sunday fair; strong west winds.

Virginia—Partly cloudy and much colder tonight; Sunday fair; strong west winds.

TEMPERATURES.

U. S. BUREAU OF WEATHER.

High tide at 5:53 a. m. and 6:02 p. m.

Low tide at 12:01 a. m. and 12:03 p. m.

ST. LOUIS.

Sup. rose at 1:11. Sun sets at 4:43.

REDFIELD DEMANDS ACTION BY STATES TO PROTECT SHAD

Fish Industry in Danger, He Says, Unless Virginia and Maryland Aid.

Construction of a modern aquarium for the Bureau of Fisheries, as near the Commerce building as is possible, is urgently recommended by Secretary of Commerce Redfield.

In a section of his annual report devoted largely to the Bureau of Fisheries, the Secretary reviews the work of this bureau and recommends many improvements and enlargements in its service, such as the substitution of all steel for the present wooden fish cars, the establishment of a lobster rearing plant; the establishment of new hatcheries, and the construction of two motorboats for the Alaska salmon hatcheries.

Danger To Shad.

The Secretary deals forcefully with the grave danger of the extermination of the shad, the greatest food fish of the Chesapeake Bay, and he issues warning to Maryland and Virginia, that unless protective measures are taken, his department will abandon efforts to perpetuate the shad industry in those waters, which gives many persons livelihood, and puts food in the mouths of others. He tells of the successful efforts of his department in bringing to the fore practically unknown food fishes and materially increasing the diminishing food supply of the country.

In this category he mentions particularly the tile fish and the sea mussel, which has become a standard article of diet.

The Secretary recommends civilian crews in place of the navy crews on two fishery vessels, saying that this would be a great economy, and would afford relief to the navy.

Frog culture has been taken up by the bureau, the report shows, and attempts made to discover methods of propagation because of the large food supply that would be made available to the army and navy.

It is pointed out that the fur seals on the Pribiloff Islands are increasing to such extent that a large-scale killing will be both possible and desirable. When this comes to pass the Secretary says that measures to utilize the carcasses to their full economic value, as in the past much has been wasted that was not used for food.

Seal Skins Stored.

The department has several thousand seal skins in storage, and the Secretary proposes to establish by the Government an American fur dyeing and dressing industry.

"The bureau made a comprehensive canvass of the shad fishery of Chesapeake Bay and tributaries in 1915, and now has data on which to base an appeal for proper treatment of the shad. Failing to secure adequate legislation, the next step must be the abandonment of fish culture work in localities where it is not appreciated and the concentration of effort in communities where the maintenance of the fish supply is regarded as a serious function of the State."

The Secretary recommends greater travel allowances for Government officers, declaring that the maximum of \$5 a day is often insufficient and causes employees making small salaries to lose a portion of their salaries in paying expenses.

The Secretary treats in humorous fashion of the archaic conditions maintaining in the buildings of the Coast and Geodetic Survey. He shows that the survey is scattered on sixteen different sites, that by no means match in another. The buildings have an ancient heating plant, the most venerable system imaginable for supplying coal. The boilers are decrepit and inefficient and the fuel is wasted in obtaining heat that is highly expensive.

yet the heating conduit of the big Government heat, light and power plant, runs through these buildings to the Capitol. Legislation is needed to tap it.

The necessity for new ships and better pay for the men of the Coast and Geodetic Survey is dwelt upon.

BARRECEPTION TO FORD PEACE PARTY

United States Minister to Norway to Give No Official Welcome to Delegates.

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 18.—American Minister Morris today decided to hold no official reception at the legation upon the arrival here of the Ford peace party, lest such a reception might be construed as official endorsement by the American Government of the peace voyage.

The naval attaché of the American legation left here for Christiansand today and will be in the city when the peace ship arrives at that port. His business is to see that nothing is done with the peace party.

Norwegian associations of clergymen are arranging a reception and peace meeting for the Ford delegates.

Brooklyn P. O. Clerk Held; Nsed Threats

When John N. Schack, twenty-six, who gave his address as 36 de Krib avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., called at the Postoffice Department today and inquired upon seeing Postmaster General Burleson, he was arrested and held for mental observation.

In Mr. Burleson's office it was said that the man is a clerk in the Brooklyn Postoffice, and that he used threatening language.

Cairo License Hearing Again Is Postponed

Notice of a postponement until Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock of the hearing scheduled for Monday at 10 a. m. on the application of the Cairo apartment and hotel for a retail liquor license was given today by the Executive Board.

Closing arguments will be made by A. E. Shoemaker, attorney for the Anti-Saloon League, who is protesting against the issuance of the license, and

PRESIDENT WILSON'S GRANDDAUGHTER WHO WAS CHRISTENED TODAY



ELLEN WILSON McADOO.

D. C. NATIONAL BANK DEFENDANT IN SUIT

Trustees of Firm of Lewis Johnson & Co. Seek to Recover About \$41,000.

The District National Bank is made defendant in a suit filed today in the District Supreme Court by J. Miller Fenson, H. Foster Duhon, and Byron J. Graham, trustees of the estate of the bankrupt firm of Lewis Johnson & Co., to recover about \$41,000.

The money and securities which the trustees seek to recover, they allege, were received by the bank from the bankrupts within four months of their adjudication of bankruptcy, and constitute preferences voidable under the bankruptcy law.

The bill sets forth that within four months prior to November 10, 1914, the day of the adjudication, the bank received securities and other assets of the firm of Lewis Johnson & Co. as insolvent, and they assert that the bank had cause to believe it was intended by the transfers to give preference to it.

To permit the bank to apply the several sums now in its hands, which were derived from the sales of securities, to debitors other than those for which they were specifically pledged, would enable the bank, the trustees allege, to obtain a greater percentage of its alleged debts than other creditors of the same class.

The trustees add that the assets which have come into their possession are insufficient to pay the provable claims of creditors.

The court is asked to set aside as void the transfers made by the bankrupt firm to the bank, and to require the bank to deliver to the trustees all securities or assets so transferred and still in its possession and account for the proceeds derived from such sales of the assets as it may have made.

It is said that this suit is the first of a series contemplated by the trustees to recover alleged preferences made to creditors.

Attorneys Leon Tobriner, H. Prescott Galtier and Charles C. Tucker represent the trustees.

SUFFRAGISTS TABLE DEFENSE QUESTION

Decline to Go on Record on Preparedness by Colse Vote. Closing Session Stormy.

Following a spirited discussion, the National American Woman Suffrage Association today voted, by a small majority, to lay on the table a resolution placing that body on record in favor of preparedness. The resolution was introduced by Mrs. Stanley McCormick, of New York, who said she wished to dispel the idea that the association was for "peace at any price."

The closing day's session grew stormy when Miss Kate Gordon, of New Orleans, injected the States' rights issue into the discussion, and drew into a spirited debate in Anna Howard Shaw, retiring president, and Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president-elect.

Meanwhile, another storm broke over the question of circulation of printed copies of a letter by Dr. Shaw concerning the differences between the National Association and the Congressional Union.

This letter read: "It was not until after days and weeks of discussion and effort on the part of various national officers, especially the new national congressional committee, that the final division between the two organizations came. Then it was demonstrated that Miss Paul would cooperate on one basis only, namely her terms, including the anti-party policy, that if the national union objected to any activity or policy proposed by her the national board, not Miss Paul, must yield. Naturally the board could not accept such terms as these."

Mrs. Helena Hill Weed, of Connecticut, said the policy of the association would not permit distribution of circulars not authorized by the literature committee.

"This letter contains some absolutely false statements, which those whom they concern will not have an opportunity to answer," said Mrs. Weed.

German Nobles Killed.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—From the beginning of the war until the last of October, 1,786 German nobles were killed in action or died of their wounds, a Rotterdam correspondent reported today.

PLANS FOR CADETS ENTHUSE OFFICERS

Lieut. Steever Describes Features of the Reorganization. Happily Received.

Before the commissioned officers of the high school cadets at McKinley Manual Training School last night, Lieut. E. Z. Steever, U. S. A., described the plans for the reorganization of the cadets, as outlined exclusively in The Times yesterday afternoon.

"The object of the change is to make for character building and body building," said Lieutenant Steever, "and to build up a military machine."

Lieutenant Steever explained that he was to assist Major Wallace McCarthan, instructor of the regiment, in establishing the new system. Frank Daniel, principal of the McKinley School, also was present.

Officers were called upon to state their opinions about the new system of training, and all were enthusiastic. Especially appealing to the boys were the week-end encampment features and the marksmanship contests. The plan to have girl sponsors for the marksmanship platoons and for the companies was enthusiastically received.

Sofia Says Price Put On Death by French

BERLIN (via wireless to Savilla, L. I.), Dec. 18.—The French commander-in-chief in the Balkans offered 3 francs for each German killed by a French soldier and 2 francs for each dead Bulgarian, according to Sofia dispatches today.

CAPITOL EMPTIED BY CHRISTMAS CALL

Senators and House Members Hustle to Catch Trains for Their Homes.

Senators and House members, with grins packed and their arms full of Christmas presents, are thronging the Union Station today, hustling to catch trains for home for the holiday season.

The exodus began last night and continued today. However, many members of both bodies will spend Christmas and New Year in Washington.

Congress last night adjourned for a longer holiday recess than was expected when the session first opened. It was decided to reconvene at noon on January 4. The fact the President expects to be away on his wedding trip was a factor in moving Congress to take a liberal vacation.

Before adjourning, the joint resolution to extend the war revenue act was adopted by the Senate, signed by the Vice President and Speaker, and sent to the White House. President Wilson signed it last night.

The resolution was adopted by the Senate after a partisan debate over the tariff and revenues, which lasted through the afternoon.

A feature of the debate was the maiden speech by Senator Underwood. The final vote was 45 to 29. The war revenue act is extended one year, or until December 31, 1916. The Democratic support was unanimous.

The Republican amendment limiting the life of the act to June 30 was rejected by 59 to 24. Five Republicans voted against the amendment because they were opposed to the measure in its entirety. They were Chapp, Curtis, Harding, Jones, and Kenyon.

SERBIAN CAPITAL MOVED TO ITALY

ROME, Dec. 18.—For the second time since the war began, one of the smaller powers of Europe, crushed by the armies of the Kaiser, has been forced to move its capital beyond its borders.

Announcement is made that the Serbian capital will be established temporarily in Italy, probably in Rome. Early in the war the Belgian King set up his seat of government at Havre, France.

Those members of the Serbian parliament who escaped death or capture in the Austro-German-Bulgarian offensive have been ordered to assemble in Italy. The Serbian legation is making arrangements to obtain government buildings from which the affairs of the nation can be conducted.

Many of the Serbian deputies have passed through Saloniki en route to Rome. Others, who fled with the Serbian army, are at Scutari, and will arrive at Rome within a few days.

In his health permits, King Peter of Serbia, who has made arrangements to come to Italy, will address the opening session of the Serbian parliament when the deputies reassemble.

ANACOSTIA.

The Interior Department has asked that the reclaimed area of Anacostia bridge be turned over to that department for use as an addition to the Government hospital for the insane.

The Rev. L. Cady March, rector of St. Bernabas' Church, Leland, Md., addressed the men of Emmanuel Church last night on the ravages to be conducted tomorrow by the men. A. B. Frieble presided.

Plans are being prepared for the extension of Morris road from its present terminus through to Alabama avenue, to provide a connecting link between the two points, and the Commissioners will be asked to present the matter to Congress.

TO ASK U. S. AID FOR MT. VERNON HIGHWAY

Association at Alexandria Will Urge Congress to Grant \$120,000 Appropriation.

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 18.—The Mt. Vernon Avenue Association, which has for its object the building of a memorial boulevard from Washington to Mt. Vernon, will renew its efforts at this time of Congress to secure a Federal appropriation with which to commence construction of the highway.

Senator Martin of Virginia has introduced in the Senate a bill appropriating \$120,000 to the association. This amount represents acclamation of the State of Virginia against the Federal Government for money advanced for the building of the Capitol in Washington. Virginia has ceded this claim to the Avenue Association.

Bills appropriating this money have several times passed the House and Senate separately, but have never been enacted.

The boulevard, as planned by the association, will be 300 feet wide, and will cost not less than \$500,000.

Miss Emily E. McHaffey, eighty-six years old, and for more than sixty-five years a resident of Alexandria, died last night at the home of her niece, Mrs. D. J. Howell, 700 Duke street. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Margaret Gibson, widow of the late Dr. William Gibson. Funeral services will be held from the residence Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, president of the National Council of Women, has announced the engagements of her daughter, Miss Lila Waller Barrett, to Edward Alfrid, of Atlanta.

In the corporation court today Charles Hantington was appointed a trustee of the village chapel.

William P. Woods, Jr., of this city, was among those who passed the State bar examination.

HYATTSVILLE.

The Prince George Bank here has announced its regular meeting of stockholders for the election of directors, to be held January 3. "The Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, at Sea Pleasant, will hold its stockholders' meeting of January 12. The First National Bank, of Southern Maryland, at Upper Marlboro, will hold its stockholders' meeting January 11.

At the annual meeting of the official board of the First Christian Church, at Capitol Heights, the resignation of the Rev. Dr. A. H. Lee as pastor was accepted. Officers were elected for 1915.

Maryland Agricultural College students' orange has elected officers. W. D. Gray was chosen as master.

The feature of the minstrel show given last night by the Rough Ashlers, a troupe of local talent, for the benefit of the Odd Fellows was the distribution of \$50 in prizes.

A "community supper" was held in the Riverside Presbyterian Church last night.

ROCKVILLE.

Rockville is pleased over the appointment of Joseph Reading to succeed Winford E. Berry, resigned, as postmaster. He was recommended several weeks ago by Congressman David J. Lewis.

Thieves last night entered the store of Porter G. Ward at Quince Orchard, obtaining a large quantity of goods.

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